MILWAUKEE NUMISMATIC NEWS

November 2016 – The next regular MNS meeting will be held Thursday, November 17, 2016, 7 PM, at the Mayfair Mall Community Room. This is the evening for our semi-annual club auction—see the list of items on page 8 in this issue.

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The Milwaukee Numismatic Society, founded in 1934, is the oldest and largest organization in Milwaukee devoted to the study of money. Meetings are held at 7:00 PM on the third Thursday of each month in the Community Room on the lower level of Mayfair Mall (W. North Avenue at N. Mayfair Road).

November Coin of the Month: **This month we have as a single lot a pair of special encapsulated Jefferson nickels, a BU 2004 D and a proof 2004 S, both certified to grade MS-70 by SGS grading service. Starting bid for these two virtually pristine coins is just $8.**

November 2016 MNS President's Message

I hope that everyone who attended this year's banquet at Alioto's had an enjoyable evening. Thanks so much to Jim H. and his wife Lynn for consistently working hard behind the scenes to ensure that we have a banquet to look forward to each and every year. This is a great annual tradition of our club, a time for us to all come together outside of the meeting room and socialize in a more formalized setting over good food, drinks, and conversation. We had a terrific keynote speaker this year, Jeffrey Paunicka all the way from Northwest Indiana, who spoke to us about altered banknote detection. Jeffery is also quite an expert on Dillinger bank robbery banknotes, and it is my hope we will be able to welcome him at a future meeting in 2017 to speak on this topic.

Looking ahead to our newly revised calendar in this newsletter there are many openings for programming and refreshments. Please consider helping out the club by volunteering or making suggestions on what we can do to fill in these blanks for the coming year. If you need to pay your annual dues for 2017, please see our new membership director Leon A. and he will be able to collect your payment. At the last meeting we discussed the possibility of renewing the tradition of giving out membership cards, so hopefully this is something we can implement again for the 2017 membership year and beyond.

Our slate for this year's election is shaping up real nicely, with some actual competition vying for the open trustee seat. The final ballot will be presented at the November meeting, so if you are a procrastinator you can feel free to throw your hat in the ring at the last minute prior to the start of the meeting.

It is hard to believe that the end of the year is right around the corner. Our holiday pizza party will be held during the December meeting. I will again arrange to have the pizza provided from Balistreri's, and hopefully many of the other club members can bring in a snack of some sort to share. We will certainly need a volunteer to bring in some soda.

The November meeting will be host to our semi-annual club auction. Since I am sure we will have a full evening ahead with regular business and auction bidding I would suggest that we skip the show and tell portion of the meeting for this month. Be sure to check out the auction listing elsewhere in this newsletter and come prepared to do some bidding. I recall that the last auction we had in the spring brought some record high prices paid for various coins. Let's see if we can top that this month!

Happy Collecting,
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Schedule

Monthly meetings are held at 7:00 pm on the 3rd Thursday of each month in the Community Meeting Room in the lower level of Mayfair Mall. Visitors interested in numismatics are welcome.

Monthly meeting programs

Nov 17:	Autumn Auction; Election Slate
Dec 15:	Holiday Party; Officer Elections
Jan 19:	Officer Inductions
Feb 16:	Open
March 16:	Open
April 20:	Open
April 29:	CSNS Bus Trip
May 18:	Spring Auction
June 15:	Open
July 20:	Open
Aug 17:	Open
Sept 21:	Open
Oct 19:	Raffle Ticket Prize Drawing
Nov 16:	Autumn Auction; Election Slate
Dec 21:	Holiday Party; Officer Elections

Annual Dues

Dues for 2017 are $10. Please pay Leon A.at the next meeting, or they may be mailed to MNS, PO Box 241174, Milwaukee, WI 53224. Thanks to those who have paid.

PLEASE NOTE:

MNS is a volunteer organization. We always need new and interesting programs, activities, helpers to work at events, and someone to bring refreshments for the meetings. We are also looking for ideas for club outings. MNS will reimburse refreshment expenses up to $60. To volunteer, please contact Pres. Justin Perrault at 262.613.9996 or VP Jim Heinrich at 262.796.1814. Thanks to everyone who has stepped up by volunteering their time and talent to make this club a success.

2016-17 Numismatic Events

November 5	Kenosha Coin Club Show (9-3 PM) Kenosha Union Club 3030 39th Ave.
November 6	Madison Fall Coin Show (9-4 PM) Sheraton Hotel, 706 John Nolan Dr.
Nov. 16-19	PCDA Nat'l Currency & Coin Conv Crowne Plaza – Rosemont, IL
April 26-29	CSNS Coin Show Renaissance Convention Center Schaumburg, IL

Refreshment Schedule

Nov:	Howard Thorpe
Dec:	Holiday Party
Jan:	Open
Feb:	Open
Mar:	Open
Apr:	Open
May:	Open
Jun:	Open
Jul:	Open
Aug:	Open
Sep:	Open
Oct:	Open
Nov:	Open
Dec:	Holiday Party

Milwaukee Numismatic Society

Minutes

October 20, 2016

President Justin Perrault called the 972nd meeting of the MNS to order at 7:04 pm. There were 26 members and 4 guests in attendance. The president led the club in the pledge of allegiance. Door prizes were won by: Peter C, Jeff G, Howard T, Gary B, Daryl L, Jim K, Rodger L, Peter J, Bob B, Kevin, Ed F, Dave H.

Coin of the Month: Steve J. won the coin of the month, a Silver war nickel set with a bid of $10.00.

Treasurer's Report: Lee H. reported that September showed receipts of $116.00 and $1,093.65 in disbursements for a negative cash flow of $977.65.

Correspondence: Numismatist magazine, letter & donation from Brent I, and Centinel.

Nomination Committee: All current officers up for election have been renewed for another year, and 3 nominees for the trustee position are: Leon S, Kevin F, and Dave H.

Membership: John B will investigate membership card availability options as the remaining supply of membership cards historically given out is unavailable.

Newsletter: Short articles and clippings are always appreciated.

Raffle: The 2016 annual raffle prizes were drawn at tonight's meeting.

Expanded Show & Tell: Rodger L-silver medals, Tom D-New York trip, Leon S-Armenian gold medal, Jeff G-4 Queens, pope coins, bank notes, Tom C-confederate note & poem, Neil S-Amex travelers checks, Darrell L-Vietnam Dongs currency, Peter J-draft exemptions, great moments in medicine, Justin P-Schlitz palm garden, Trump dollars, Tom S-Neenah/Menasha civil war token.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:03pm by President Perrault.

Respectfully submitted by John Bleidorn, Secretary

1906 Gold heroism medal awarded to Milwaukee Fire Department Asst. Chief Lawrence Hanlon

October 22 Annual MNS Banquet Report

Your indefatigable editor could not make it to this year's MNS banquet, held again at Alioto's Restaurant on N. Mayfair Rd. Tom Casper kindly provided images of the program and the encased quarter that was distributed. Thanks to everyone who helped make the banquet and year a success.

Currency Doctoring Detection Part 2

MILWAUKEE NUMISMATIC SOCIETY
Annual Banquet
Alioto's - Milwaukee WI
October 22nd, 2016

INSIGHT3
Professional Numismatic Services

Sidney P. Fournier is the President of Insight3, Inc., an international marketing company and provider of professional numismatic services. He has been actively trading in numismatics since 1967. Part of his accomplishments include the development and global distribution of products used for cash handling and currency validation in the Gaming Industry. For 18 years he was involved in banking operations for a regional institution in Northwest Indiana and for Mellon Financial Services in North America

A member of the Professional Currency Dealers Association (PCDA) and International Banknote Society (IBNS). His current project is authoring a reference and historical guide to the Bahamas monetary system and currency. He holds an MBA from the University of Notre Dame in South Bend Indiana and a B.S from John Carroll University in Cleveland Ohio.

Currency Doctoring Detection 2 Topics

1. Currency Quiz - Levels 1& 2
2. Definitions
3. Anti-Counterfeiting
4. Valuation & Grading
5. Detection
   - Washing
   - Solvents
   - Chemical Alterations
   - PVC Damage
   - Detergents
   - Bleach
   - Trimming
   - Rust Removal
   - Acidic Damage
   - Pressing
   - Re-embossing
   - Starching
   - Tear repairs
   - Market Trends
6. PCDA - Ethics

COURTESY MPTV APPRAISAL FAIR

The MPTV Appraisal Fair is still abuzz over an item brought in this month: A 1906 Carnegie Hero Fund gold medal. Only 19 were ever awarded. The medal has been appraised at $100,000.

Rare gold medal stuns appraiser

IN MY OPINION
JIM STINGL

The purpose of the annual MPTV Appraisal Fair, besides raising money for local public television, is to judge treasures from trash among the objects brought in by the public.

A gold heroism medal awarded to a Milwaukee firefighter in 1906 definitely falls in the treasure category. An appraiser at the fair deemed the object to be worth perhaps $100,000, his family had lost track of the medal.

Styczinski has done some research. "I was able to find one other of these gold medals that survived. It's in the Smithsonian, and it was awarded to all the heroes of the Titanic," he said.

Eric Zahren, executive director of the Carnegie Hero Fund Commission in Pittsburgh, was impressed that this medal had surfaced. "The gold medals are extremely rare," he said. "It's not often that they pop up anywhere."

What's cool about the Carnegie award is that they include specific information about the heroism right on

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one of the most valuable items ever to show up in the fair's 11-year run.

"And I'm probably low on that," said Tom Styczinski, a dealer from Eden Prairie, Minn., who specializes in rare U.S. and foreign coins. He was one of 53 appraisers who volunteered their services at the fair earlier this month.

COURTESY OF THE CARNEGIE HERO FUND COMMISSION

Fire Department Assistant Chief Lawrence A. Hanlon

The medal is from the Carnegie Hero Fund, which was established by steel industry magnate Andrew Carnegie in 1904 to recognize acts of bravery by ordinary Americans and Canadians. Carnegie was inspired by the actions of two men who lost their lives trying to rescue trapped coal miners in Pennsylvania that year.

Solid gold Carnegie medals were presented to three Milwaukee firefighters who rescued a man from a tunnel being constructed under the Milwaukee River at Knapp St. on April 30, 1906. They were Assistant Chief Lawrence A. Hanlon, Capt. Peter Lancaster and fireboat Capt. Harris G. Giddings.

This particular medal was Hanlon's, and it has been in the possession of the Milwaukee Fire Historical Society for decades. Allan Zehm, a retired firefighter and a society board member, brought the medal to the appraisal fair in Brookfield. He and others in the Fire Department have often wondered if the medal, when it was in a display case, was perhaps bronze or just gold plated.

"We're not going to sell it, but we had to get some idea what this thing is worth," he said. "We're talking about maybe having a replica made and keeping the original in a safety deposit box." The medal is not at the society's museum now, so you burglars can stand down.

The 22-karat solid gold medals were discontinued in 1923 after just 19 were awarded. The fund continued to give out silver medals until 1979, and still awards bronze medals today. The awards also came with cash, and these three firefighters received $1,500 each, which was big money in 1906. To date, 9,893 medals and $38.5 million have been given to worthy recipients, 20% of them posthumously.

Styczinski has a theory that many of the 19 gold medals may have been sold or melted down by people desperate for money during the Great Depression. The whereabouts of the Lancaster and Giddings medals is unknown. A 2007 Spokane newspaper article about Lancaster said the medal, Styczinski said. Hanlon's bears his name, the location and date, and the fact that he had saved a man named Jacob Flyter from a tunnel.

Well, the rescued man's name is not quite factual. It appears to be a phonetic guess of the name reported in Milwaukee Sentinel news articles of the day, Jacob Flejter, a surname that lives on in Milwaukee today. Flyter does not. The Milwaukee Journal apparently got the name most wrong, calling him Jack Slater and later Jacob Slater.

The Journal reported that the man was "imprisoned like a rat in a trap 70 feet below the surface of the Milwaukee River." The tunnel ruptured and was filling with water and sand. When the fire crew reached Flejter, they offered him whiskey "to revive the man's strength." He claimed later that he declined because he "had promised his mother to cut out the booze, and kept his word."

The rescue took a couple hours. Flejter, 30, was out of the hospital the next day and back working in the tunnel the day after that, according to news accounts.

Hanlon retired as deputy chief in 1937 and died in 1945 at age 80. His obituary mentions the rescue and the medal and adds an anecdote that Milwaukee's mayor in the early 20th century, Sherburn Becker, was at the tunnel scene and ordered Hanlon not to risk his life. Ignoring the command, Hanlon is said to have responded, "Mr. Mayor, if you were down there, you'd probably like to have somebody try to get you out."

The obit also says a dramatization of the rescue was broadcast nationwide by NBC radio in 1938, and Hanlon flew to New York to appear on the program.

Barbara Eash, appraiser and coordinator of the appraisal fair, said other interesting objects showed up this year, including a swimsuit Barbie doll from the time of the toy's launch in 1959, and an early Les Paul guitar. But it was the Carnegie medal that had everyone buzzing.

That includes Styczinski, and he does this stuff every day.

"I think my wife, right after it happened, was sick of me telling her about it," he said. "I was just so excited."

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MNS Auction November 17, 2016

Lot #	
1	2014-P Roosevelt dime slightly toned MB $1
2	1943-D Lincoln cent
3	Angel good luck token
4	3 Mexican $1 coins 1993,2005.2005
5	Mexico 50 cent 2008, Aruba 10 cent 2004, Jamaica $5 1996
6	Narcotics Anonymous token 90 days
7	Best place Pabst tour free beer token bottle cap MB $3
8	Ronald Reagan Presidential Commemorative Token
9	RFID travel passport & credit card protection sleeves
10	Moneys of the Bible, 1961 by R.S. Yeoman
11	2009 Standard Cat. Of Firearms Collectors price & Ref book
12	Set of 6 Egypt old postcards
13	Japanese Invasion Money (Philippines JIM) 1,5,10,100,1000 Pesos MB$3
14	Philippine Emergency Guerrilla currency, 5-pesos MB$1
15	German 1,000 mark note, UNC April 21, 1910 MB$4
16	Wooden rectangle money, 11 pcs. MB $2
17	11 old checks, one with revenue stamp MB $2
18	Rare "North American Currency" catalog by Grover Criswell
19	Catalog of US Paper Money by Gene Hessler
20	Scarce Milw. 1946 Centurama unused radio call postcard
21	Canadian cent and nickel folders
22	1984 MNS Fifty dollar gold copy made of sterling silver 1.5 oz MB$20
23	BEP Souvenir card of 1896 $2 Silver certificate and 1949 Postal union US Postage Stamp
24	"Hail to the Candidate" Presidential Campaign book
25	1850 Racine Merchants token Van Cott Jeweler with miss-spelled "RACIM" Wis.
26	Three MNS 1969 Moon Landing medals
27	Milw. WI-510-C-1a Philip Best Civil War Token
28	Milw. WI-510-AO-2a Teller Civil War Token
29	Milw. WI-510-AP-1a Upmeyer Jeweler Civil War Token
30	RacineWI-700A-2a J I Case Civil War Token
31	Atwood-Coffee US Transport token cat. 5th edition, price revisions tipped in, like new
32	KP 2014 World Coin Cat., 1901-2000, huge, new
33	KP 2014 World Coin cat, 2001-2014, huge, new
34	1961 encapsulated silver Franklin half, min bid $8
35	2004-s slabbed Wisconsin silver quarter, NGC MS-69, Ultra Cameo, MB $15
36	1958-D slabbed Roosevelt silver dime, full bands, PCGS MS-64 MB $10
37	1967 slabbed Kennedy silver half, PCGS MS-64, MB $10
38	1969 Lunar Landing Space medal, bronze, 2" diameter, unc
39	2 older WI campaign pins: Lucey-Schreiber (1970), & Schreiber for Mayor (1988)
40	Geo. Washington Indian Peace Medal, 3" bronze, new, w/original box ca. 1970 by US Mint, MB $15
41	Official Bicentennial medal bronze, 32mm in holder as issued MB$3
42	GW/Sons of Liberty Bicent. 32mm bronze medal proof in holder MB$3
43	Hoover inaug. Medal 73mm bronze, signed Sinnock MB$10
44	Eisenhower inaug. Medal 73mm bronze, signed G. Roberts MB$10
45	Nixon inaug. Medal 73mm bronze w/holder signed R.Menconi MB$10
46	Three MNS 1969 Moon Landing medals
47	Set of ANA Summer 2016 Seminar overstrike shield nickel copies by our own Joe P.